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## Democratic Ticket.

For Clerk Court of Appeals,  
S. J. SHACKELFORD.

For Representative,  
B. R. BAKER.



## Independent Ticket.

For County Judge,  
R. G. WILLIAMS.

For County Attorney,  
G. W. McCURE.

For Sheriff,  
J. W. BAKER.

THE Republican of last week seems quite solicitous as to how, and by what authority R. G. Williams is running for County Judge? We will say that he is running at the request of both Democrats and Republicans of Rockcastle county, regardless of politics. He is running as an Independent and his name will appear under the Independent device (the figure of a woman with the scales of Justice in her hand).

He is running as an honest, sober man and in favor of law, order and justice.

He is running as a man who will not decide a case before he has heard the evidence. He is running as a man who, if elected, will ever be sober and honest, both on and off the bench and who will not handle justice with an iconoclastic hand. He is running as a man who will not acquit the guilty and hold the innocent without bail. Can you say as much for your candidate? Please answer.

He is running as a man who has never been indicted or accused of any crime against the laws of God or man and has not cost the State of Kentucky in criminal prosecutions more than the worst citizen of Rockcastle county. Can you say as much for your candidate? Please answer.

He is running as a man who was never tried and convicted and served five months in Covington jail for removing unstamped whisky from a U. S. bonded warehouse. Can you say as much for your candidate? Please answer.

He is running as a man who has never been accused of forgery. Can you say as much for your candidate? Please answer.

He is running as a man who has never, in the Courts of Justice, been publicly accused of perjury. Can you say as much for your candidate? Please answer.

He is running as a man who has never been disbarred from practice before the Pension Department of his country for filing forged declarations in pension cases. Can you say as much for your candidate? Please answer.

If this is not sufficient there are other answers in reserve.

MT. VERNON, Ky., Oct. 6, '97.

Editor Signal:

We see that some of our Republican friends are calling us "bolters." Who have always been bolters both in politics and religion? Have they not always been men who have stood in the van guard of civilization?

He who stood on Pisgah's height and viewed his people's promised

land from afar, bolted from Pharaoh's oppression and led the Sons of Israel from Egypt's dark land to that land that flowed with milk and honey. Moses was a bolter.

When this world of ours was shrouded in the veil of intellectual night, when the earth bowed to the mandate of the Pope at Rome, those illustrious bolters, Wycliff, Luther, Calvin and Knox struck from the limbs and minds of men the shackles of Catholicism and the Protestant religion shed its light upon a gladdened world. Wesley in England and his compeers in America, bolted from the established creeds of their day and gave to man a better and truer way to follow the teachings of the humble Nazarene. They were all bolters, because they dared to do the right, and stood up boldly against the errors of their day.

When England's oppressive King had disregarded the rights of his subjects, the bolters of England met him on the immortal field of Runemede, and wrested from the tyrant's hand the Magna Charta, the Paladium of our liberty, and to-day their praises are sung wherever the human heart is moved by the sweet concords of freedom; yet, they were bolters.

They opposed wrong and upheld the cause of right.

And, in our own beloved land, when King George trampled upon the rights of our people. Washington and his patriotic comrades unsheathed their swords and bore their breasts to England's ledan mistles through seven years of bloody war that you and I and all of us might be free. Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Hamilton, Madison and Lafayette were all bolters—bolters that their children might have a flag of their own. The very Republican party about whose achievements we love to boast, withdrew from the old whig party and took a step forward in the pathway of civilization and in the cause of human freedom. If this is bolting, give us the name and gladly will we wear it, and following the bolters whose names we have mentioned, in November, we will march up to duty's call and following the dictates of an honest conscience, will cast our votes for honesty and fair dealing and the welfare of our wives and children.

We are for the right against the wrong. We are for the upright against the corrupt. Some of us have journeyed far down the stream of Life, and now let us for once, pause beside its still waters and with our hands upon our consciences, in the presence of our God, declare "Country is above party and right should triumph over wrong."

## TWO BOLTERS.

CONWAY, Ky., Oct. 4, 97.

Editor Signal:

We are very glad indeed to see so many of our Republican friends coming up like men and speaking out, boldly declaring themselves for R. G. Williams and G. W. McClure. As for G. W. McClure he has been weighed in the balance and not found wanting. As for Dick Williams we think he will make a good judge and that's more than we have had in the last three years. Dick is a sober, honest, upright man. That you all know well.

I myself am a Republican, was never known to scratch, but I cannot nor will not support such men as D. P. Bethurum and P. D. Colyer who will not enforce the law upon outlaws. I have known good citizens to have their houses shot into by law-breakers and could be proved by good witnesses, and they turned them loose in spite of all.

I will not vote for a man who has been accused of forgery, swearing falsely, drunkenness, moonshining, selling whisky unlawfully and nearly everything else that is a violation of the law. I would take it as an insult for such a man to ask me to vote for him. You all know Dave Bethurum has been accused of all these. Now must we elect him again? I think not. We

want good officers or none.

A TRUE BLUE REPUBLICAN.  
A. O. AGEE.

EDITOR SIGNAL:

Dear Sir: It has been circulated that I will be a candidate at the coming election for a county office. I wish to say that I am not, now, and will not be a candidate.

My friends tell me that several different ideas have originated as to what candidates I would vote for in this election. Now the only reason I have for not taking an active part in the election and expressing my views publicly to the people, is from the simple fact that I am comparatively a new man in this county. I also wish to say that I am a Republican and have been all my life and still expect to remain the same. But in the face of all this I always expect to enjoy that freedom which every voter in the grand old State of Kentucky ought to enjoy which is that of voting with a conscience clear as the noonday's sun for the best men on the track in any race regardless of money, whisky or anything else. To make a long story short, somebody wants to know who I will vote for in the County Judges race? I will vote for Dick Williams FOR GOOD reasons which I will assign at any time if called upon. Some of my so-called Republican friends say: Oh, support the ticket, this will hurt you if you ever ask for office. I can only say if it does I can't help it. I intend to do what I consider to be right regardless of consequences.

While I can't be called a Saint I am not the worst sinner. So I will say like Henry Clay, "I would rather be right than be President." New Fellow Citizens I feel sure that if we would adopt the plan of our fore fathers in the days of Washington, Jefferson and Adams, Clay and Webster, of voting for the man instead of party, money or whisky, we would have a better country and happier people and homes. Let's elect men who will and are willing to abide by the law and who will execute the same and give us peace and prosperity. I for one want peace at home, peace at church and on the highway all of which we do not enjoy to-day in this county. Why do we not? Because our officials will not execute the laws. In conclusion I intend to help elect a man who will in justice execute them.

Did you ever think of the effect of all voters casting their ballots for the best, the most honorable, and the best fitted man for office? What an influence for good it would have! What a terror it would be to evil doers who wish to hold office! Would it not turn them from their evil ways and cause them to espouse the right? There is nothing that would so build up our county and elevate our people.

PARKIE SCOTT.

TO THE TAXPAYERS.—I wish to say to the tax-payers of Rockcastle county that my term of office expires Jan. 1, 1898, and I must settle up my business by that time, and as the law makes it your duty to come to the Court House and pay your tax, therefore I take this method of informing you that a penalty of 6 per cent will be added November 1st, 1897 and upon that date I will give my Deputies positive orders to collect all tax due me at once at the expense of the payer.

W. G. MULLINS, S. R. C.

W. G. Adams will pay 40 cents cash for 100 bushels of good Irish potatoes.

G. W. McCURE,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
Mt. Vernon, Ky

All business entrusted to my care will receive prompt attention. Office: Second floor of new brick on Church street.

MT. VERNON, Ky., Aug. 31, '97

Editor of SIGNAL:

In answer to an article which appeared in the "The Republican" of last week in regard to the conduct of some of the County Officials We wish to differ from those whose names follow that article:

If necessary, it can be proven by reputable Republican citizens that some of said officials have been guilty of official and general conduct, not only unworthy of their official positions, but of the dignity and morality expected of the humblest private citizen:

M. P. Newcomb, Republican,  
H. C. Gentry, "  
J. J. Smith, "  
James Maret, Democrat,  
Wm. Poynter, "  
Geo. E. McCoy, "  
P. J. McMullin, Democrat,  
R. P. Norton, "  
H. K. McKinney, Republican  
M. Pennington, M. D., "  
J. H. Gaut, "  
Apt Taylor, "  
Meshack Gentry, Republican,  
A. Pennington, Democrat,  
George Liford, "  
J. E. Woodall, "  
Andrew Gentry, Republican.

## ORLANDO.

Dr. S. S. Ball, of North Carolina, will shortly make his home with us. We cordially welcome the Doctor.

James Anglin has a new gun and challenges the community as a snap shot.

Wm. Bishop, of Lexington, has been visiting friends here.

T. J. Townsend was in town Saturday.

Miss Susie Ball is visiting in Clay county this week.

Frank Hundley is in town visiting friends and relatives.

J. H. Bales is home again. He has visited the Nashville Exposition and at other Southern cities.

Payton Lanford averages one horse swap every day. Come and see him.

Quite a number of our citizens are attending Federal Court at Louisville. Some of them will remain in the city this winter.

A stock company has been formed and are actively prospecting for gold at this place.

W. J. Childress was home from his school Saturday last.

## BRODHEAD.

Messrs. W. H. Albright, Philip Shivel, A. E. Albright and A. J. Pike went to Lebanon, Monday to hear the Hon. W. J. Bryan.

Geo. Hardin and wife, of Junction City, are the guests of R. S. Martin this week.

M. E. Aldridge and wife went to Stanford, Sunday.

Mrs. Skirvine, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Adams, returned to her home in Grant County, Monday.

As train No. 37 was nearing the depot on the 7th the left cylinder head blew out, exciting some of the boys terribly. F. Francisco was hit by some of the pieces, but not seriously injured.

Dr. J. M. Clark is kept very busy now.

Miss Berda Martin was here last week.

J. W. Baker was in our town on Tuesday last.

J. W. LAWRENCE,

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and Surgeon,

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